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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 17791

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED HELICOPTERS

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON INFO USDAO SAIGON OCT 11
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QUOTE BIEN HOA 0547

REF: A. SAIGON 17728

B. BIEN HOA 544

1. CONGEN NOW IN POSSESSION MORE COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF HELI-
COPTER SIGHTINGS THAN REPORTED REF B.

2. MR 3 G-2 STATES FIRST HELICOPTER WAS SIGHTED AT 1030 HOURS
OCTOBER 5 BY PILOT OF U-17 AIRCRAFT RETURNING FROM SUPPLY MIS-
SION TO PHUOC LONG PROVINCE. LOCATION WAS APPROXIMATELY 15
KMS. NE OF DON LUAN AT YT 120880. THOUGH VISIBILITY WAS
POOR, PILOT THOUGHT HELICOPTER HAD BLACK NOSE, GREEN BODY
AND RED TAIL. VXLOT ATTEMPTED COMMUNICATE WITH COMBAT AIRCRAFT
BUT FAILED DUE TO INOPERATIVE RADIO. HE THEN RETURNED TO
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SONG BE AND ALERTED AN L-19 FAC SPOTTER PILOT, BUT HE WAS

UNABLE RELOCATE UNIDENTIFIED HELICOPTER. PILOT OF U-17
LATER IDENTIFIED THE HELICOPTER AS RUSSIAN MI-10 FROM PHOTOS
IN 3RD AIR DIVISION DEBRIEFING ROOM AT BIEN HOA AIRBASE.

3. SECOND SIGHTING OCCURRED AT 1515 HOURS OCTOBER 5 APPROXI-
MATELY 6 KMS. NE OF PHU GIAO AT XT 995556 BY PILOT OF
L-19 OF 18TH INFANTRY DIVISION WHO ALSO IDENTIFIED
HELICOPTER AS RUSSIAN MI-10 WHEN DEBRIEFED. ACCORDING
TO THIS PILOT, SECOND HELICOPTER WAS PAINTED AN OLIVE
COLOR IN NOSE SECTION, BLUE BODY AND RED TAIL. IT WAS
OBSERVED FLYING IN A NORTHERN DIRECTION.

4. G-2 HAD NO INFO TO EFFECT HELICOPTERS WERE EQUIPPED
WITH SKYCRANES. SPECULATION THAT NVA ARE OPERATING
HELICOPTERS FROM LOC NINH CAME FROM 18TH ARVN DIVISION
AS WELL AS LTG MINH. WALKINSHAW
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